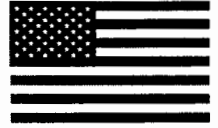




# BINGHAM COUNTY

## Office of Emergency Management



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Dear Homeowner:

Hot weather and the resulting fire season are upon us. After three years of drought conditions, and abundant fuel loads in the wild lands, fire danger is very high. And in fact, fires have already consumed thousands of acres and several structures in the state.

We have had a relatively wet, prolonged spring that has resulted in a high fuel load in our wild lands. The fuel has matured early creating potentially one of the worst conditions for wild land fires in recent years. This condition presents serious concerns to homeowners whose property borders these wild land areas.

Bingham County is participating in a National Wild Land/Urban Interface plan designed to protect life, property and community values through community-based planning. Part of the planning is to identify high-risk areas subject to wild land fires. Analysis of those areas will be performed to determine if mitigating actions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of fire, or, to reduce the loss of life or property.

Your participation in this plan is being solicited by taking actions around your home to make it more "fire safe". Bingham County is disseminating fire safety literature to assist homeowners analyze their property for fire hazards, and then take action to reduce or eliminate them. In some cases, the county, or other agencies may partner with homeowners to mitigate hazards.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this joint venture. If you have any questions, or other concerns you would like to discuss with us, please call the office of Emergency Management at 782-3190, or 782-3191.

Sincerely,

Errol Covington, Coordinator  
Bingham County Emergency Management